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Serial No.: 09/675,427

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Group Art Unit: 2812

For: Efficient Method for Modeling and Simulation of the Impact of Local and Global Variation on Integrated Circuits

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Dear Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Enclosed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR.

§ 1.56 in connection with the above-identified application, which statement is being filed:

Together with the present application.

Before the first Office Action on the merits or three (3) months from the filing date of this application, whichever occurs last. [37 CFR § 1.97(b)]

- After the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action under §1.113 or Notice of Allowance under §1.311, whichever occurs first. [37 CFR § 1.97(c)]
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Consistent with Applicant's obligations pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, the following requirements have been met:

- No separate requirements are needed.
- No additional fee is required.

**Fee Under 37 CFR § 1.97(c) or 1.97(d)**

The fee of \$180.00 for submission of an IDS under § 1.97(c) as set forth in § 1.17(p) accompanies this statement.

**Certification Under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)**

The undersigned certifies:

- 1 that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement; or
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**Provision of Copies of References**

A copy of each of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith and forms a part hereof.

A translation of Reference\_\_ is enclosed herewith and forms a part hereof.

A copy of the European Search Report from a corresponding or related EPO application is enclosed herewith.

A copy of the International Search Report from a corresponding or related PCT application is enclosed herewith.

**Identification of Prior Application(s) In Which Listed Information Was Already Cited And For Which No Copies Are Submitted Or Need Be Submitted**

This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior U.S. Application No(s). , filed . The following references were submitted to, and/or cited by, the Office in the prior application(s) and therefore are not required to be provided in this application:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1679. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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